

**U.S. ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY  
POLLUTION REPORT****I. HEADING**

Date: October 13, 1997

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START

POLREP NO. 2

**II. BACKGROUND**

Site No.:	S7
Delivery Order No.:	2101-02-010
Response Authority:	CERCLA
ERNS No.:	N/A
CERCLIS No.:	NYD002249563
NPL Status:	Non-NPL
Action Memo Status:	Approved on 9/26/97
Start Date:	9/30/97
Demobilization Date:	N/A
Completion Date:	N/A

### III. SITE INFORMATION

#### A. Incident Category

CERCLA incident category: Inactive Production Facility

#### B. Site Description

The Bossert Manufacturing Site (site) is an abandoned production facility located at 1002 Oswego Street in the City of Utica, Oneida County, New York. The Bossert facility was used for the stamping, weldment, and fabrication of sheet metal items such as brake backing plates and steel floor grates from 1896 until the mid-1980's. During its operation, PCB oils were utilized in transformers and in hydraulic presses used in the manufacturing process. As a result of past manufacturing practices and salvage operations at the site, interior surfaces on floors and walls of the facility, as well as machinery and other structures within the building, became contaminated with PCBs.

CERCLA funds have been activated to abate the threat to public safety and the environment. Activity will include the off-site disposal of approximately 3,500 cubic yards of PCB contaminate debris, asbestos abatement, decontamination of mechanical and hydraulic presses, and the partial demolition/shoring of a building.

For a more detailed description, see Polrep No. 1 (Initial).

### IV. RESPONSE INFORMATION

#### A. Situation

##### 1. Removal Actions to Date

10/6/97 - 10/10/97: ERCS continued to clear and grub vegetation around the perimeter of the site. Trees and brush were staged to await removal by the City of Utica Department of Public Works. An office trailer was delivered to site on Wednesday, October 8. Office furniture previously used at the Columbia Mills Site, Minetto, NY, was retrieved from a local storage facility to furnish the command post. ERCS constructed a decontamination area within the building to be utilized during PCB removal activity.

Manned security was initiated October 8 and will be in effect during hours when there are no work activities being performed.

An ERCS Health & Safety Officer (HSO) visited the site on Thursday, October 9 to conduct a walkthrough of the facility. The HSO will use information gathered



along with existing background information for the site to generate a site specific Health and Safety Plan.

The site is presently getting electricity from a gas powered generator. Electric service will be hooked up during the week of October 13. Telephone service was connected on October 9. The telephone number for the U.S. EPA OSC is (315) 734-1599. The telefax number for the site is (315) 734-1322.

## 2. Enforcement

The PRP Search for the site has been initiated and enforcement efforts are continuing.

### B. Planned Removal Actions

ERCS will mount plywood over the first floor windows of Room 7 of the building where the decontamination and equipment storage areas are located. This will provide protection from the elements during the upcoming winter months. Subcontractors will visit the site to bid on the T&D of PCB contaminated debris.

### C. Key Issues

N/A

## V. COST INFORMATION AS OF OCTOBER 13, 1997 \*

ERCS Contractor	\$	1,711,604
START Contractor Costs		123,333
Intramural Costs		<u>199,515</u>
TOTAL	\$	2,034,452
Project Ceiling	\$	5,990,000
Percent of Project Funds Remaining		66.0%

\* The above accounting of expenditures is an estimate based on figures known to the OSC at the time this report was written. The cost accounting provided in this report does not necessarily represent an exact monetary figure which the government may include in any claim for cost recovery.

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